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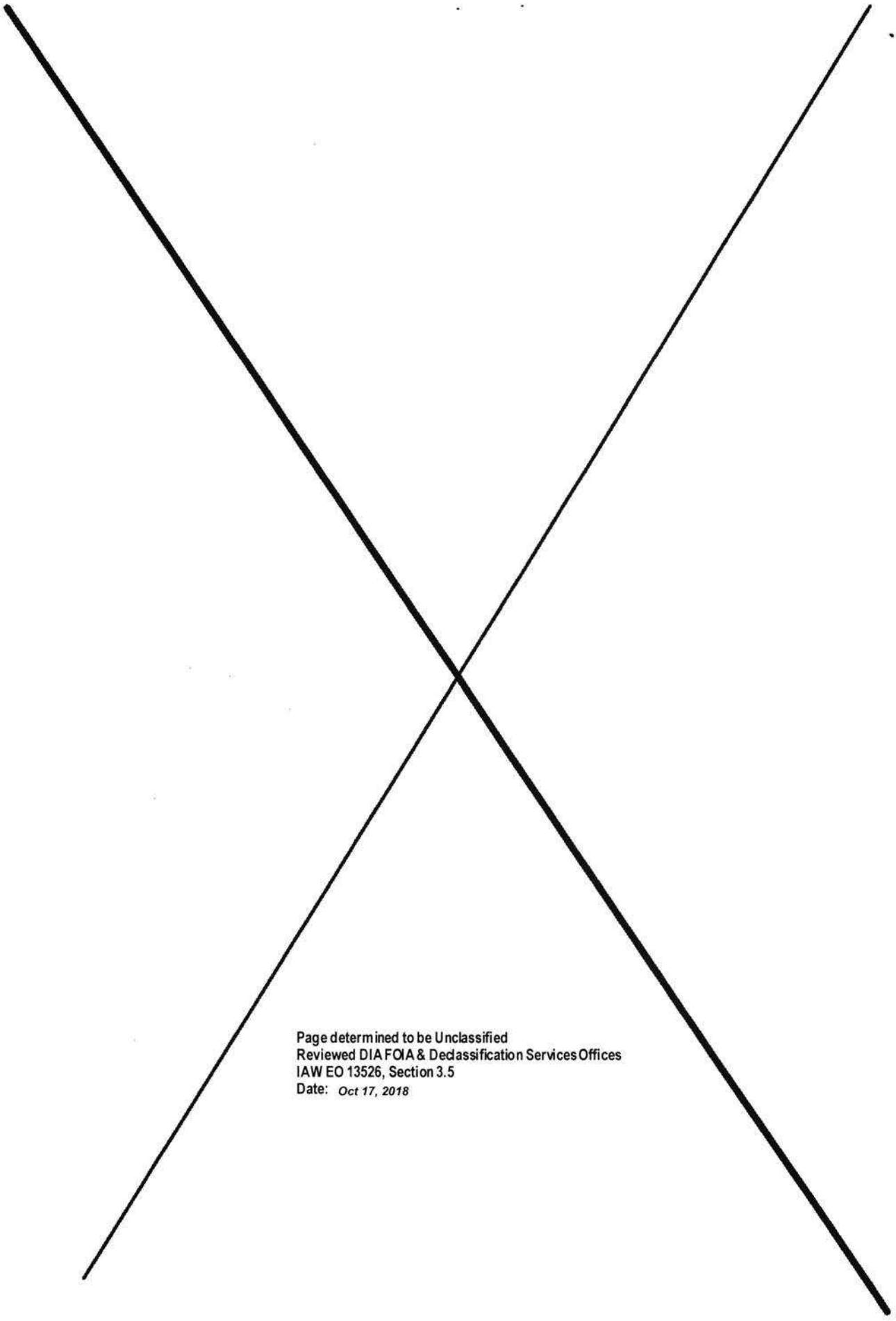

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TERRORISTS AND MRS. PERON.

~~(C/NOFORN)~~ Armed forces leaders are preparing to step up counterterrorist activities in the wake of violence that has left 29 persons dead in the last four days. The killings alone, however, will not generate military pressure to oust the embattled President.

~~(C/NOFORN)~~ The 3 December murders of former head of the National Police Maj Gen Jorge Caceres and his wife by Montonero guerrillas, coupled with retaliatory firing-squad executions of foreign students by right-wing terrorists, have brought the country to the brink of anarchy. The eulogy delivered at the Caceres' funeral, apparently with the blessing of the army high command, vowed that the armed forces would wipe out terrorism. The military has reportedly informed President Peron that the battle lines are now clearly drawn and that the war against guerrillas will be waged without quarter.

~~(C/NOFORN)~~ Meanwhile, the army has taken control of the provincial capital of Tucuman, where violence has been most pronounced. The province has been the scene of a full-scale antisubversive campaign in recent months, including coordinated air strikes against suspected guerrilla positions.

~~(S/NOFORN/WNINTEL)~~ The army is still concerned about Mrs. Peron's ability to govern, but seems reluctant to use this round of terrorism as an excuse to remove the President. These latest killings were, after all, carried out after she gave the armed forces a free hand to stop the terrorists. Although a senior staff officer commented in late November that the army would not move against the Chief Executive unless asked to by political authorities, the chance of a spontaneous uprising by a single unit cannot be discounted. This would most likely force the remainder of the armed

forces to approve the move rather than back Mrs. Peron. In any event, the recent terrorist upsurge will prod the military into focusing efforts against guerrillas rather than against the administration. ~~(XGDS 1 & 2 Declassify upon notification of originator)~~

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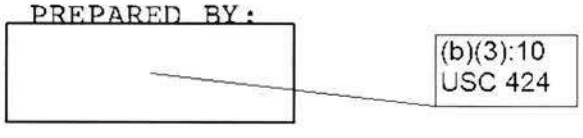

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